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ARTICLE 7. GENERAL PROVISIONS

IC 34-7-1

Chapter 1. Effect of Recodification Act of the 1998 Regular Session of the General Assembly

IC 34-7-1-1

Purpose

Sec. 1. The purpose of the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly is to recodify prior civil law and procedure in a style that is clear, concise, and easy to interpret and apply. Except to the extent that:

(1) the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly is amended to reflect the changes made in a provision of another bill that adds to, amends, or repeals a provision in the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly; or

(2) the minutes of meetings of the code revision commission during 1997 expressly indicate a different purpose;

the substantive operation and effect of the prior civil law and procedure continue uninterrupted as if the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly had not been enacted.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.2.

IC 34-7-1-2

Applicability

Sec. 2. Subject to section 1 of this chapter, sections 3 through 9 of this chapter shall be applied to the statutory construction of the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.2.

IC 34-7-1-3

Effect on actions before July 1, 1998

Sec. 3. (a) The recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly does not affect:

(1) any rights or liabilities accrued;

(2) any penalties incurred;

(3) any violations committed;

(4) any proceedings begun;

(5) any bonds, notes, loans, or other forms of indebtedness issued, incurred, or made;

(6) any tax levies made or authorized;

(7) any funds established;

(8) any patents issued;

(9) the validity, continuation, or termination of any contracts or leases executed;

(10) the validity, continuation, scope, termination, suspension, or revocation of:

- (A) permits;
 - (B) licenses;
 - (C) certificates of registration;
 - (D) grants of authority; or
 - (E) limitations of authority; or
- (11) the validity of court decisions entered regarding the constitutionality of any provision of the prior civil law and procedure;

before the effective date of the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly (July 1, 1998). Those rights, liabilities, penalties, offenses, proceedings, bonds, notes, loans, other forms of indebtedness, tax levies, funds, patents, contracts, leases, permits, licenses, certificates of registration, grants of authority, or limitations of authority continue and shall be imposed and enforced under prior civil law and procedure as if the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly had not been enacted.

(b) The recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly does not:

- (1) extend, or cause to expire, a permit, license, certificate of registration, or other grant or limitation of authority; or
- (2) in any way affect the validity, scope, or status of a license, permit, certificate of registration, or other grant or limitation of authority;

issued under the prior civil law and procedure.

(c) The recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly does not affect the revocation, limitation, or suspension of a permit, license, certificate of registration, or other grant or limitation of authority based in whole or in part on violations of the prior civil law and procedure or the rules adopted under the prior civil law and procedure.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.2.

IC 34-7-1-4

Statutory construction

Sec. 4. The recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly shall be construed as a recodification of prior civil law and procedure statutes. Except as provided in section 1(1) and 1(2) of this chapter, if the literal meaning of the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly (including a literal application of an erroneous change to an internal reference) would result in a substantive change in the prior civil law and procedure, the difference shall be construed as a typographical, spelling, or other clerical error that must be corrected by:

- (1) inserting, deleting, or substituting words, punctuation, or other matters of style in the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly; or
- (2) using any other rule of statutory construction;

as necessary or appropriate to apply the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly in a manner that does not result in a substantive change in the law. The principle of

statutory construction that a court must apply the literal meaning of an act if the literal meaning of the act is unambiguous does not apply to the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly to the extent that the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly is not substantively identical to the prior civil law and procedure.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.2.

IC 34-7-1-5

Reference to repealed statutes

Sec. 5. Subject to section 8 of this chapter, a reference in a statute or rule to a statute that is repealed and replaced in the same or a different form in the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly shall be treated after the effective date of the new provision as a reference to the new provision.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.2.

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Citation references

Sec. 6. A citation reference in the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly to another provision of the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly shall be treated as including a reference to the provision of prior civil law and procedure that is substantively equivalent to the provision of the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly that is referred to by the citation reference.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.2.

IC 34-7-1-7

Rules references

Sec. 7. (a) As used in the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly, a reference to rules adopted under any provision of this title or under any other provision of the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly refers to either:

- (1) rules adopted under the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly; or
- (2) rules adopted under the prior civil law and procedure until those rules have been amended, repealed, or superseded.

(b) Rules adopted under the prior civil law and procedure continue in effect after June 30, 1998, until the rules are amended, repealed, or suspended.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.2.

IC 34-7-1-8

Citations to prior civil law and procedure

Sec. 8. (a) A reference in the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly to a citation in the prior civil law and procedure before its repeal is added in certain sections of the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly

only as an aid to the reader.

(b) The inclusion or omission in the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly of a reference to a citation in the prior civil law and procedure before its repeal does not affect:

- (1) any rights or liabilities accrued;
- (2) any penalties incurred;
- (3) any violations committed;
- (4) any proceedings begun;
- (5) any bonds, notes, loans, or other forms of indebtedness issued, incurred, or made;
- (6) any tax levies made;
- (7) any funds established;
- (8) any patents issued;
- (9) the validity, continuation, or termination of contracts or leases executed;
- (10) the validity, continuation, scope, termination, suspension, or revocation of:
 - (A) permits;
 - (B) licenses;
 - (C) certificates of registration;
 - (D) grants of authority; or
 - (E) limitations of authority; or
- (11) the validity of court decisions entered regarding the constitutionality of any provision of the prior civil law and procedure;

before the effective date of the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly (July 1, 1998). Those rights, liabilities, penalties, offenses, proceedings, bonds, notes, loans, other forms of indebtedness, tax levies, funds, patents, contracts, leases, licenses, permits, certificates of registration, and other grants of authority continue and shall be imposed and enforced under prior civil law and procedure as if the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly had not been enacted.

(c) The inclusion or omission in the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly of a citation to a provision in the prior civil law and procedure statutes does not affect the use of a prior conviction, violation, or noncompliance under the prior civil law and procedure as the basis for revocation of a license, permit, certificate of registration, or other grant of authority under the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly, as necessary or appropriate to apply the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general assembly in a manner that does not result in a substantive change in the law.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.2.

IC 34-7-1-9

Medical malpractice provisions

Sec. 9. Sections 1 through 8 of this chapter apply to IC 34-18 concerning medical malpractice, which, before it was recodified in the recodification act of the 1998 regular session of the general

assembly effective July 1, 1998, appeared at IC 27-12 in the Indiana Code.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.2.